

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A formulation comprising penetrants being capable of penetrating the pores of a barrier, the average diameter of said pores being smaller than the average diameter of said penetrants, wherein said penetrants can transport agents or enable agent penetration through said pores after said penetrants have entered said pores, wherein the formulation further comprises

at least one antioxidant in an amount that reduces the increase of oxidation index to less than 100% per 6 months

wherein the agent is selected from corticosteroids and the relative content of corticosteroids is above 0.1 weight-%, relative to total dry mass of the formulation.

2. (Previously presented) The formulation according to claim 5, wherein said at least one consistency builder is added in an amount that increases the formulation viscosity to up to 1 Ns/m².

3. (Currently amended) The formulation according to claim ~~[[7]]~~ 1, wherein said at least one antioxidant is added in an amount that reduces the increase of oxidation index to less than 100% per 12 months.

4. (Previously presented) The formulation according to claim 9, wherein said at least one microbiocide is added in an amount that reduces the bacterial count of 1 million germs added per gram of total mass of the formulation to less than 100 in the case of aerobic bacteria, to less than 10 in the case of entero-bacteria, and to less than 1 in the case of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or *Staphylococcus aureus*, after a period of 3 days.

5. (Previously presented) The formulation according to claim 1, further comprising at least one consistency builder, in an amount that increases the formulation viscosity above that of the non-thickened corresponding formulation to